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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6961**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1322

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 15, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Fire Protection Districts.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lutz

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a fire protection district that consists of only one township may be established by the township legislative body instead of the county legislative body.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of Local Revenues*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** A fire protection district has taxing authority to pay for its expenses related to carrying out its duties. The state's Local Government Property Tax Control Board must approve the tax rate and related levy to be assessed on the district. The rate should be based on the levy needed to support the district's budget, which is dependent on the size of the area to which it must provide protection.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Township legislative bodies.

**Information Sources:**

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